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BOARD NAMES NOLAND AS INTERIM EDUCATION COMMISSIONER

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – At its retreat today, the Kentucky Board of Education selected Kevin Noland to serve as interim education commissioner. Noland will serve during the time between the departure of current Interim Education Commissioner Elaine Farris and the selection of a permanent commissioner.

The board is in the midst of the search process for a new commissioner, and Greenwood/Asher & Associates, Inc., of Florida is conducting the search. The timeline will culminate with the hiring of a new commissioner in August.

Farris, who has served as interim commissioner since the retirement of Education Commissioner Jon Draud in December 2008, has accepted the position of superintendent of the Clark County school district. She will begin her new duties on July 1.

Noland retired from the Kentucky Department of Education in 2008. He served as legal counsel, associate commissioner and deputy commissioner during his employment. Noland also served as interim commissioner three times previously.

Details, including salary and benefits, of Noland's employment have not yet been finalized.

The board also took action on two additional items during its retreat:

- agreed to move school council authority at Two Rivers Middle School in the Covington Independent school district to the superintendent of the district
- gave approval to 703 KAR 5:080 (emergency and ordinary versions) to implement revisions required by Senate Bill 1
- agreed to insert language in the Kentucky High School Athletics Association's Bylaw 33 that would prevent a member school, student, coach or administrator from being punished or sanctioned if a student is allowed to play in an athletic contest or practice with a team if a court order permits the student to do so

The board's next regular meeting is June 10-11 in Frankfort.

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